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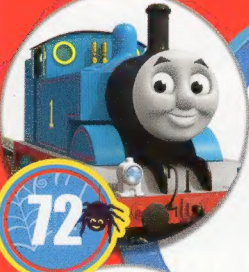
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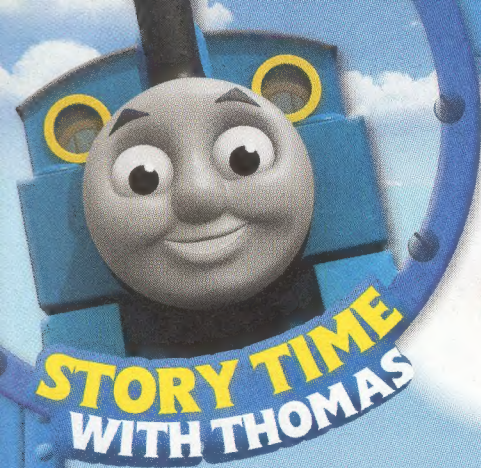
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# Missing ? ? Gator

1

Long ago, an engine called **Gator** visited Sodor. He made friends with Percy and taught him how to be **brave**. When Gator left the Island, Percy missed his friend a lot.

My name is **Gator**. Nice to meet you!

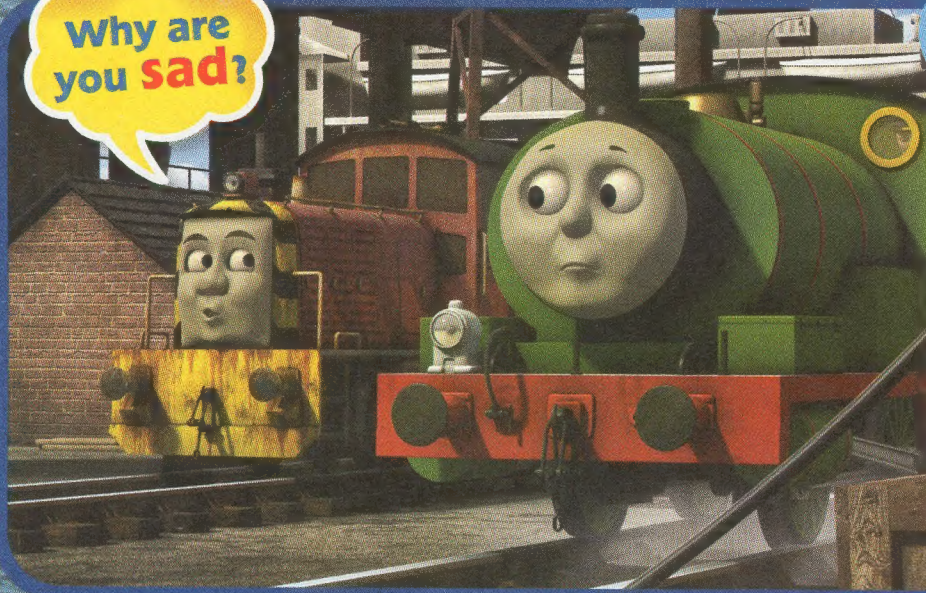
Who does Percy miss?  
**Write** his name.



Gator

Trace over the letters, starting at the dots.

Why are you **sad**?



2

One day, Salty saw Percy looking **sad**. "Why are you sad?" he asked. "I was thinking about Gator. It made me sad that he's not here," said Percy.



**3** "You need to keep **busy** like me," called Cranky from up high. "That'll stop you from feeling sad about Gator!"

Who told Percy to keep busy?  
**check** the correct box.

**Salty**

☐

**Cranky**

☐

**4** So Percy worked **really hard**.

He kept very busy. Soon, Percy was sent to the Earl's estate to pick up some trucks for **the Docks**. "No time to couple up to the trucks," thought Percy. "I have to keep myself very busy."

Oh, no!

Whoa!

**Point** to Troublesome Truck's wheels.

**5** Percy pushed the trucks along the track. All was well until he went over a **big hill**. On the way down, the trucks **raced** away. Percy couldn't keep up!

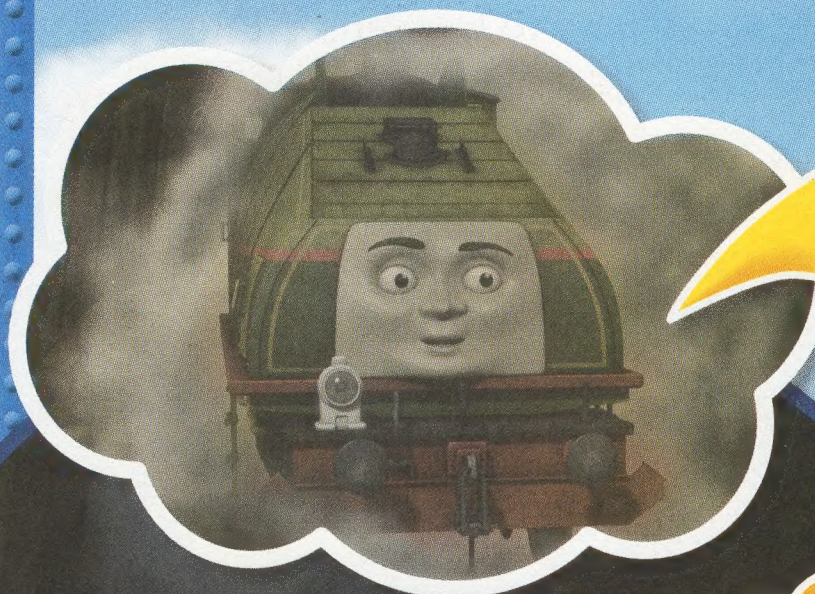


6

The trucks crashed through an old mine that was boarded up. It was **dark** inside and Percy was very **scared**. "What should I do?" he wondered. Percy thought of Gator. He remembered something his old friend had told him.



Being **brave** doesn't mean you don't feel scared. Being **brave** is about what you do even when you do feel **scared**!



Gator is right. I can do this!

7

Percy was scared but he knew **he could still be brave**. He went into the deep, dark mine and found the missing trucks. He pushed them out of the tunnel and took them all the way to the Docks.



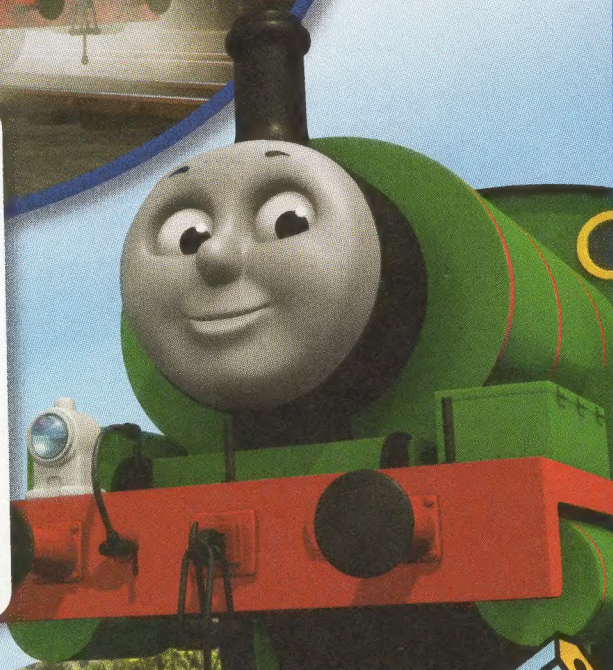




Gator taught  
me how to be  
**brave!**

8

Back at the Docks, Salty saw Percy. "Not still thinking about Gator, I hope," he said. "You know he only makes you sad." "Thinking about Gator makes me **happy** too," smiled Percy. "I learned a lot from him. He taught me how to be a **better, braver engine!**"



**What** did Percy pick up at the Earl's estate?

Check the correct box.



trucks

☐


passengers

☐

**Which engine helped  
Percy to feel brave?**

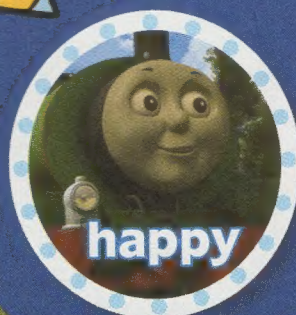
Gator

☐

Salty

☐

**How** did Percy feel in  
the deep, dark mine?



happy

or



scared





# Mystery match

Cut out the pictures below and match them to the spaces. Make sure each line has just 1 of each of the 3 spooky pictures.



When you complete your puzzle, what can you see in the middle square?





# ghostly game

It takes 2 or more players to help  
Thomas get to the castle!

**You  
will need**

a dice and counters,  
such as a button and  
a penny.

**Woooo!  
Wooooo!**

**Spooked!**  
Go back

**Lost in  
the forest.**  
Go back  
1 space.

**Nearly  
there!**  
Go forward  
1 space.



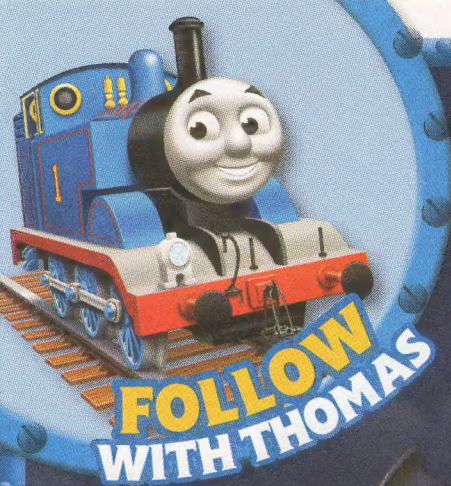




## How to play

With a friend, take turns to throw a dice and move your counter along the track towards the creepy castle. The first to reach the castle is the winner!





# Night-time noises

Go for a night ride with Thomas and find the way to the castle. What will you see and hear?

START



What can you see flying in the sky?

I can see a...

bat

Trace over the letters.



Talk about the different creatures that are awake at night. Take turns making their noises!

Boo!





Twice  
two!



**Count** the owls.

Write the number in the box.



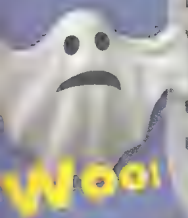
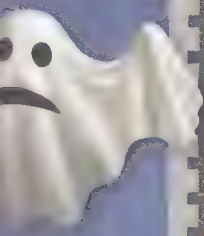
Woo!

Boo!

**Count** the ghosts.

Write the number in the box.

Can you find this  
sneaky little cat hiding  
in the maze?



Woo!



**FINISH**





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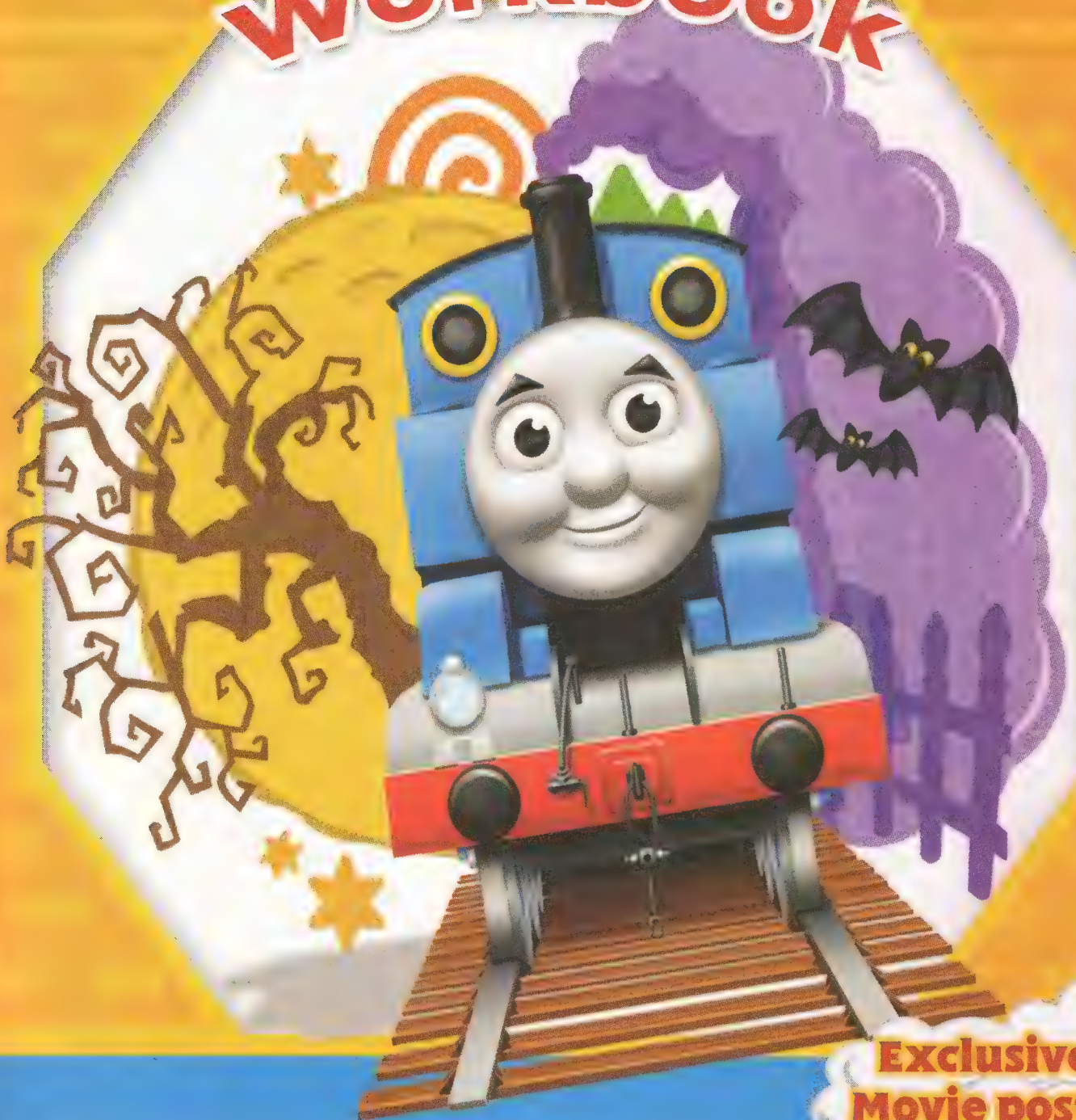
Find and circle this  
friendly little owl on  
each activity spread!



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**Workbook**

# THOMAS & FRIENDS

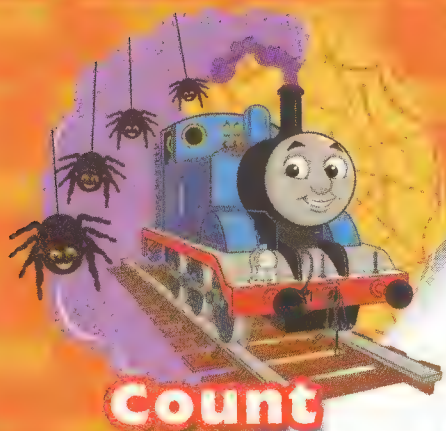
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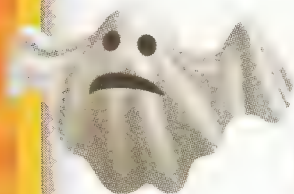
Help Thomas count these Halloween things and write the numbers in the boxes.



spiderwebs



black cats



ghosts



pumpkins

Trace over the numbers, starting at the dots.



odd



even



odd



even



odd

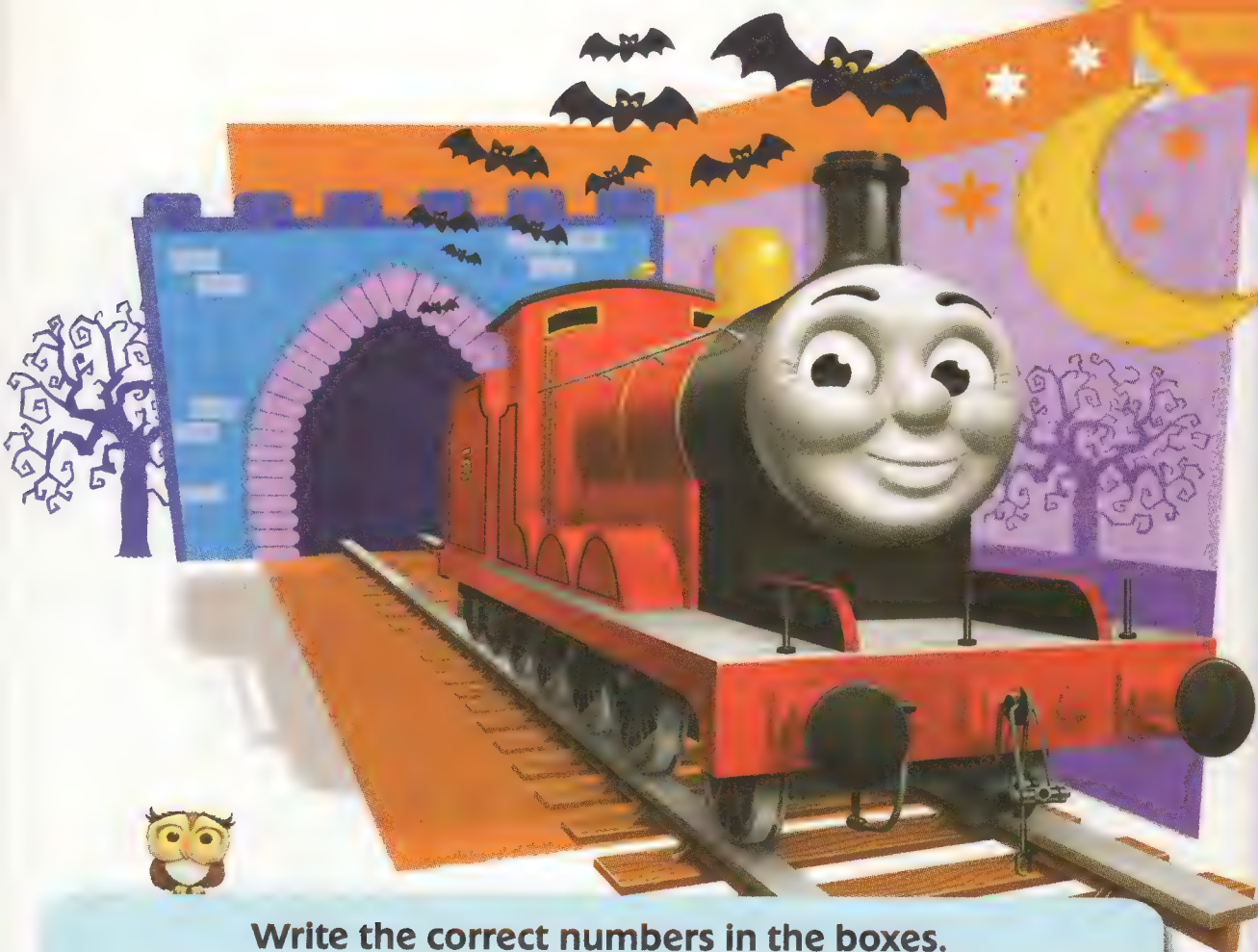




James is out for a night-time ride!  
Count the things he sees below.

**Parent Note**

Counting helps  
develop math skills  
and number  
recognition.



Write the correct numbers in the boxes.

trees

stars

bats

6

even

7

odd

8

even

9

odd

10

even



Count the  
spiders.  
Is the number  
odd or even?





**Find**

James, Percy, and Thomas are  
getting ready for fall on Sodor!  
Look carefully at picture **A** and picture **B**.



Circle the 2 leaves that  
are the same.





Parent Note

Look carefully at  
picture B. Find the  
differences and  
write them down.

Find and circle 6 differences in picture  
**B.** Trace over a number in each  
pumpkin below when you find all six.



Here are the answers - don't peek! 1. The scarecrow is smaller; 2. Pumpkin at the front is missing; 3. Thomas' lamp is on; 4. There's a spider; 5. The moon is in the sky; 6. The windmill is gone.











GO ON



FINISH





Meet Thomas' new friend, Ashima!  
Color the picture on the right using  
the smaller one to help you.



# Ashima

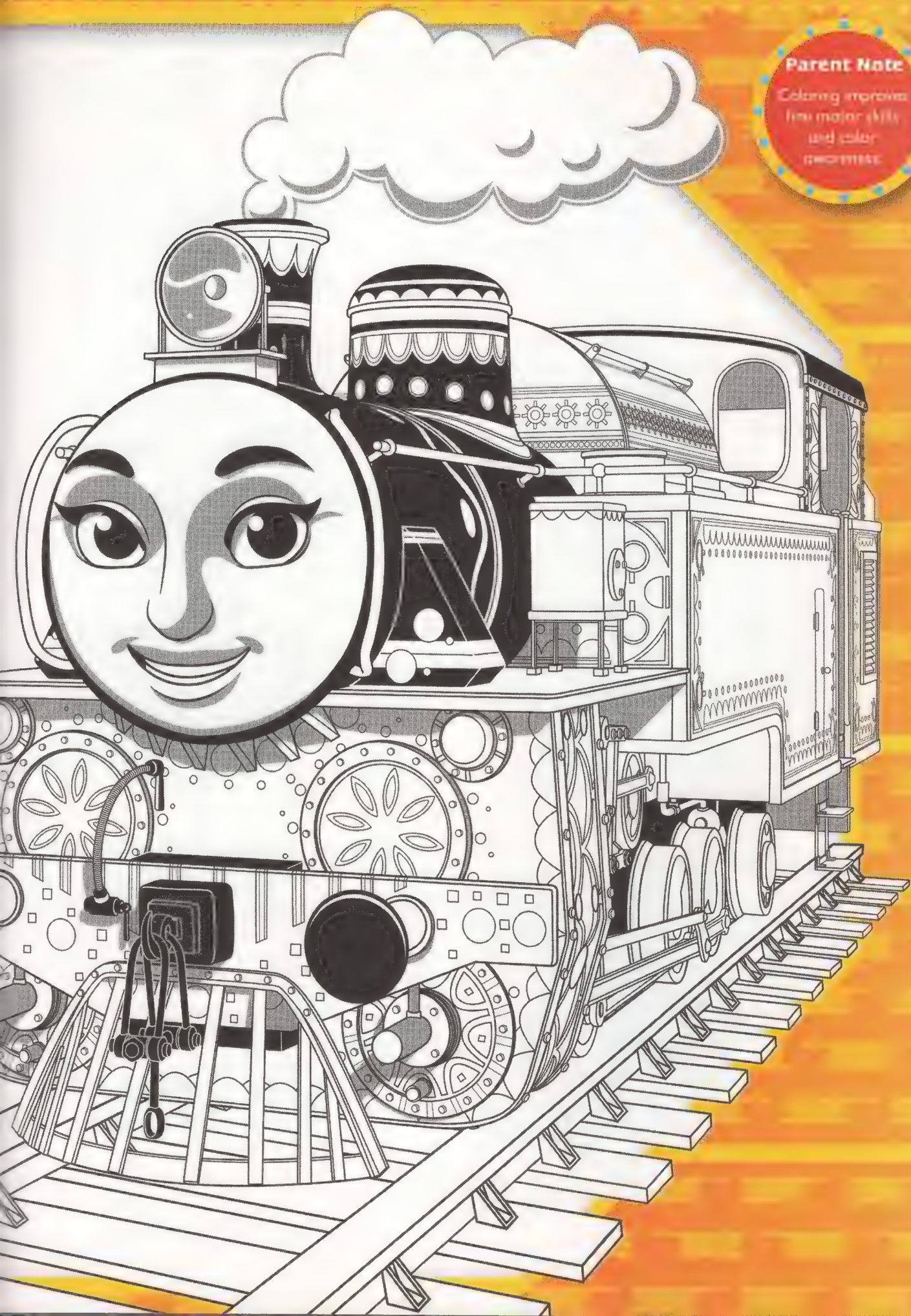
Trace over the letters, starting at the dots.





**Parent Note**

Coloring improves  
fine motor skills  
and color  
recognition.







Trace over the letter **G g**. Then practice writing it on your own.

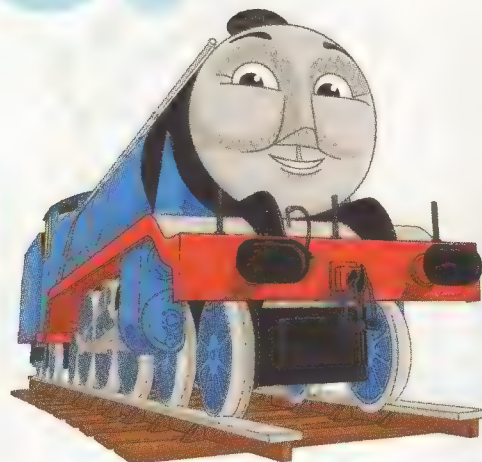
G g

Trace over these words that begin with **G** or **g**.



ghost

Gordon



gravel

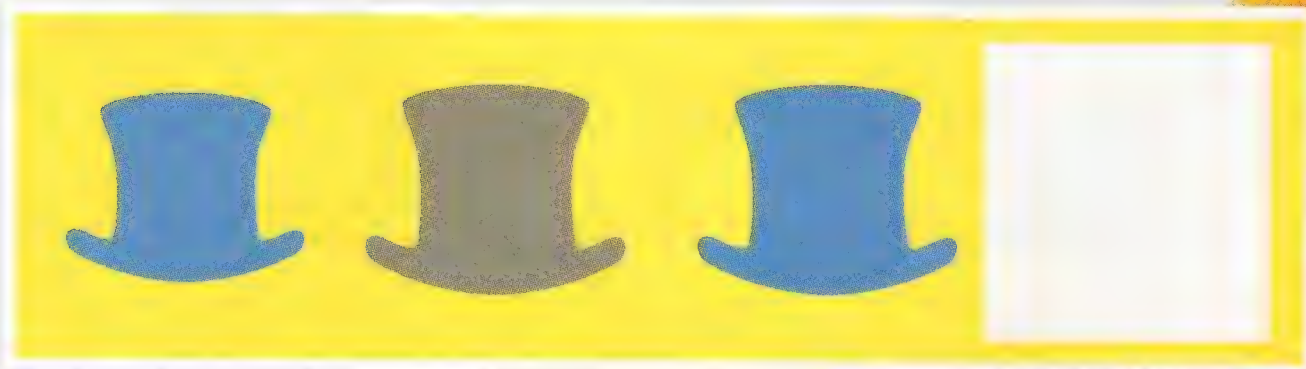
Gator

A B C D E F G H I J K L M





Look at each row of patterns. In the white box, draw and color the item that comes next.



N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z





Thomas is going for a spooky ride!

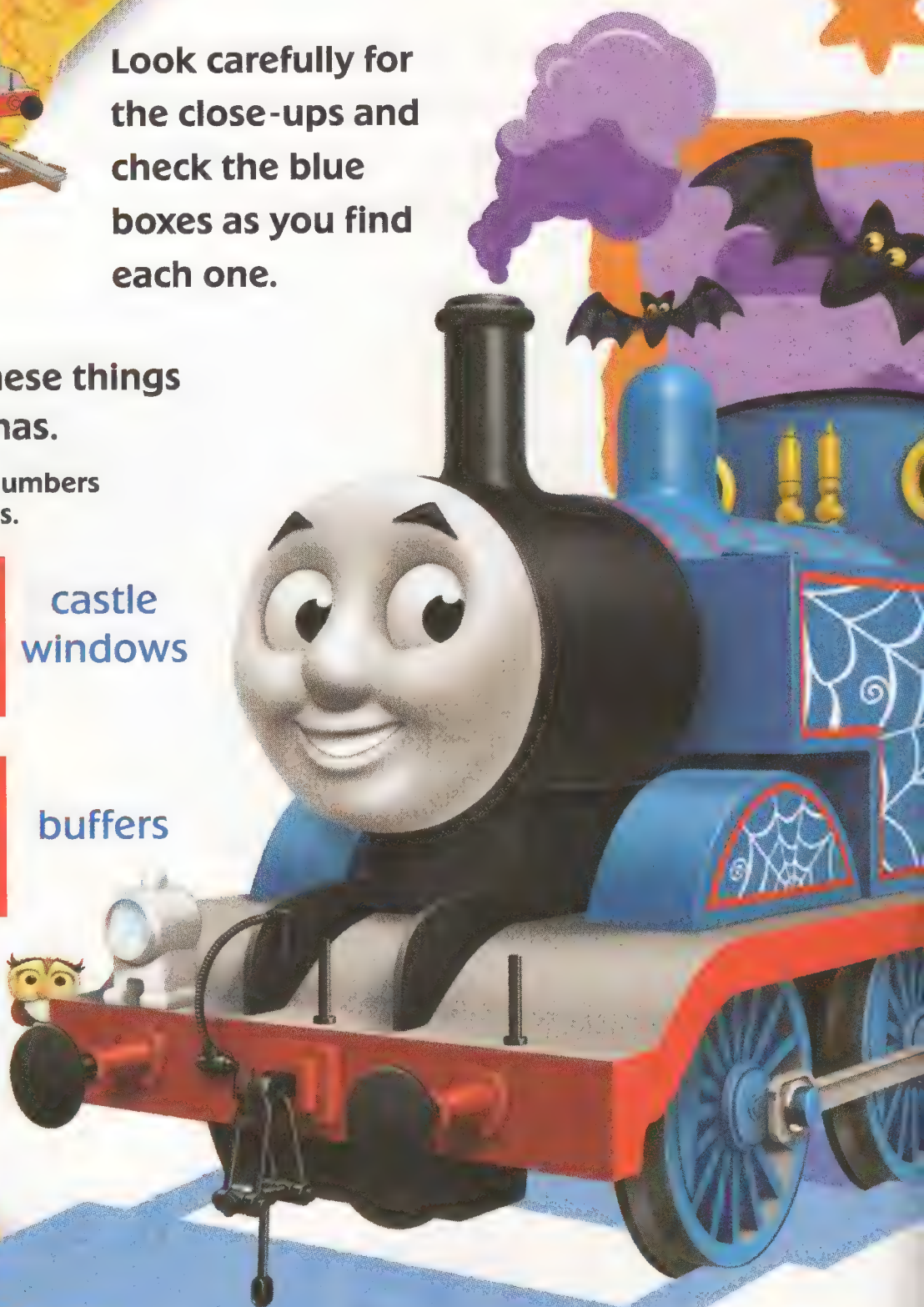
Look carefully for  
the close-ups and  
check the blue  
boxes as you find  
each one.

Count these things  
for Thomas.

Write the numbers  
in the boxes.

castle  
windows

buffers





**Parent Note**

Looking closely at  
watch pictures helps  
improve cognitive  
skills and  
raise scores.



Check this box when  
you've found the  
white and yellow star.





# Workbook

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How many  
owls did  
you find?  
Write the  
number in the box.

**Color a star for each activity  
you have completed.**



**Count**



**Find**



**Color**

**Look**



**Write**



**Pattern**



**Congratulations!**  
**You have finished your workbook.**

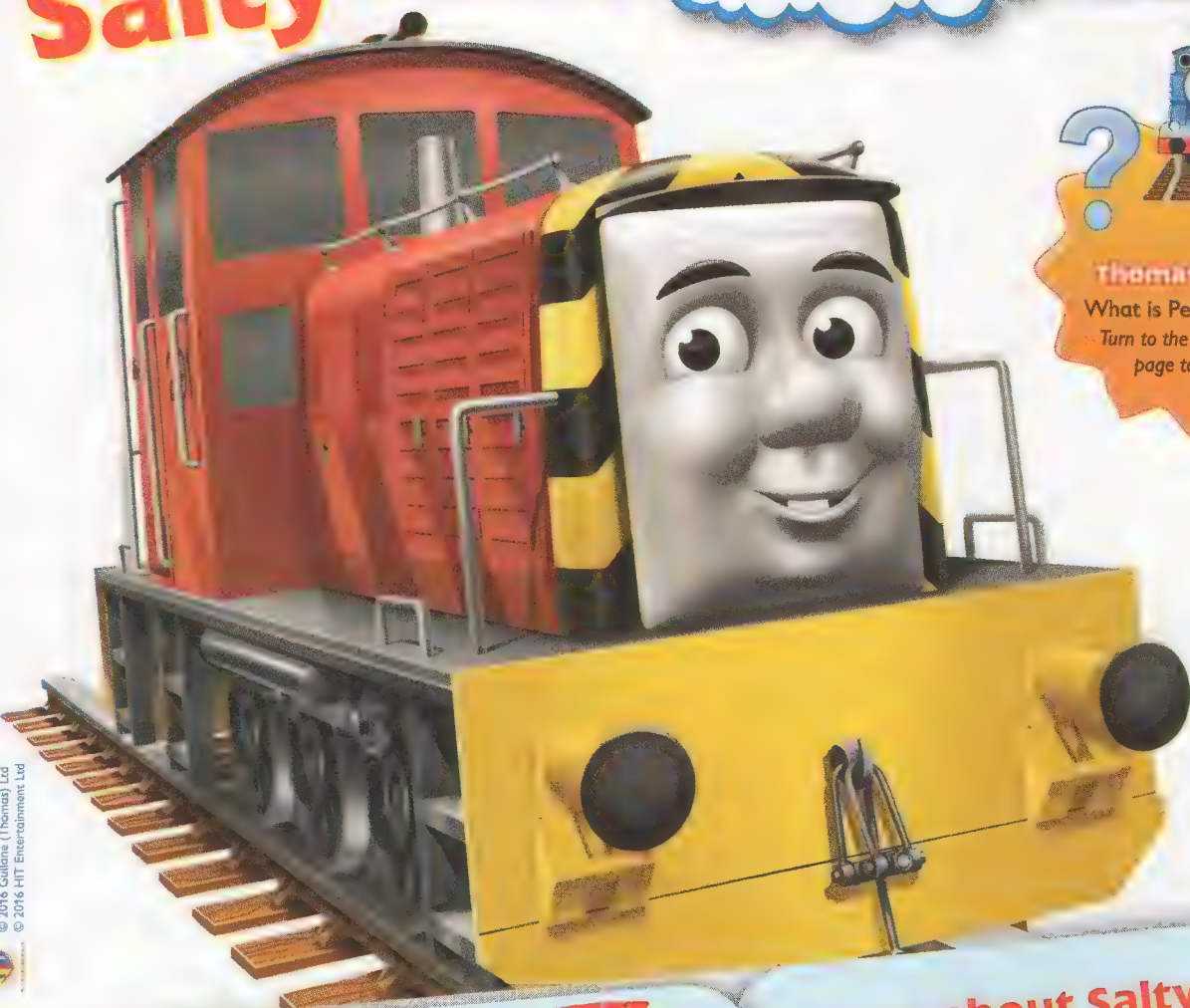
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Write your name here.



COLLECTIBLE  
FACT FILE

# Salty

## THOMAS & FRIENDS



**Thomas' Fun Fact**

What is Percy's number?

Turn to the Bulletin Board  
page to find out!

## FACT FILE

**Name:** Salty

**Type:** Dockside Diesel shunter

**Color:** Red, yellow, and black

**Did you know?** Salty worked on an unknown coastal railway for many years, where he acquired some fun stories and songs.

### More about Salty:

Salty is a hardworking diesel engine who loves to tell tales about his life by the sea. He occasionally works in other parts of the Island, but is happiest by the Docks. Salty has a big heart and would help any engine, be it Steamie or Diesel.





# Pop-up picture



Follow the steps to create a spooky 3D Halloween decoration for your room.

## You will need:

- \* Scissors
- \* Glue stick
- \* A grown-up to help you.



1

**Ask** your grown-up to help you cut out the pieces on the opposite page.

2

**Fold** the white rectangle so that it looks like this.

3

**Stick** the folded rectangle to the middle of the background. It should look like a little bridge.



4

**Spread** glue on the top of the bridge. Stick the scene on top so that it stands out from the background.



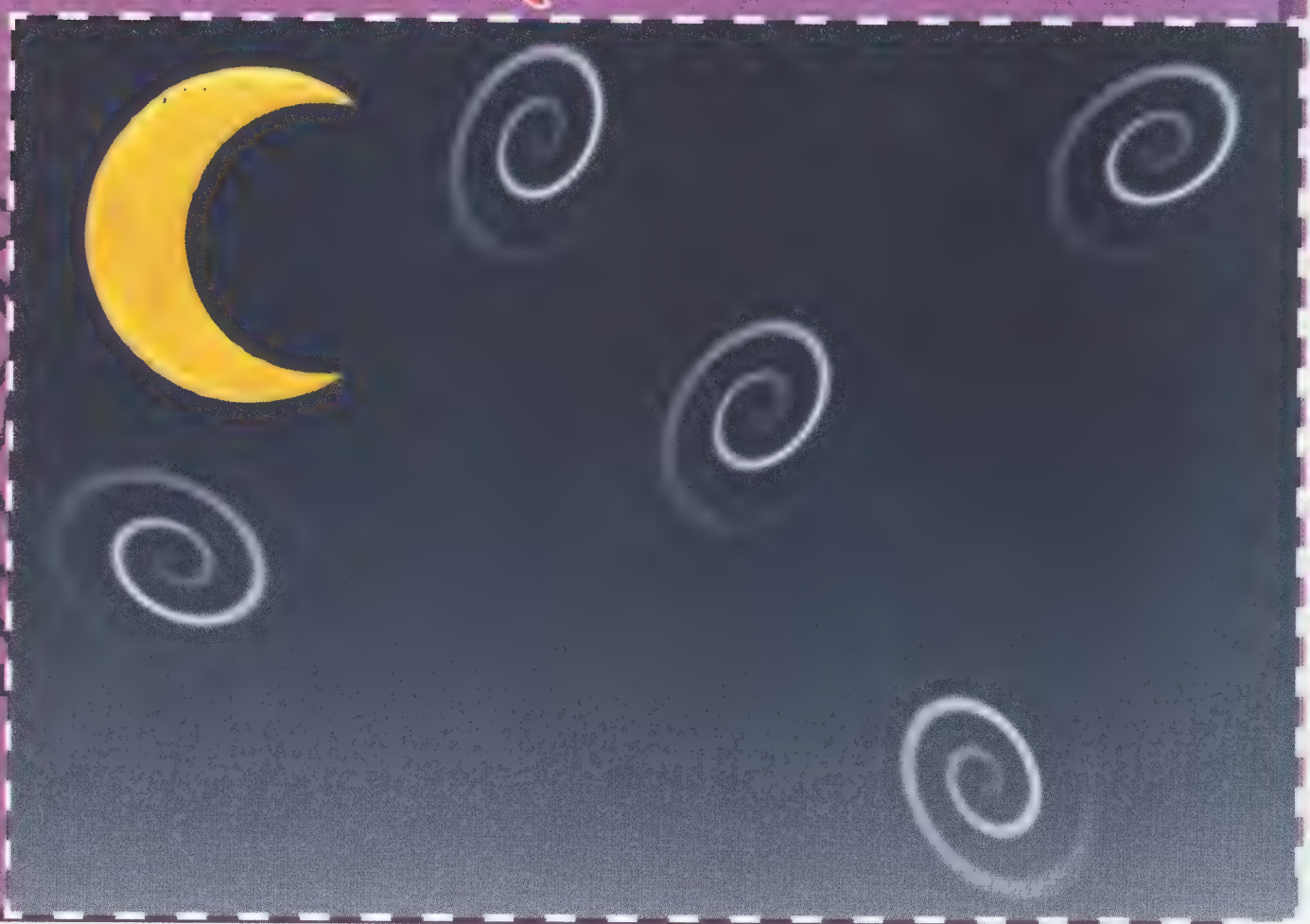
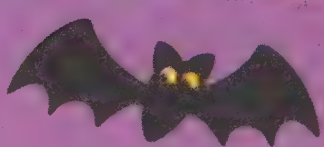


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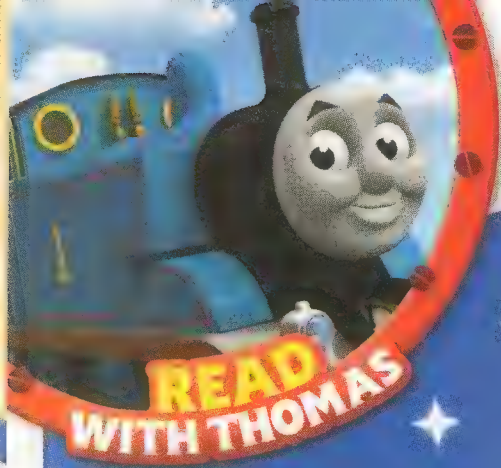
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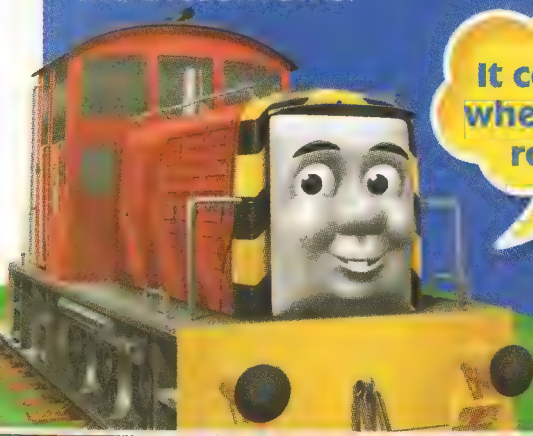


# The Monster

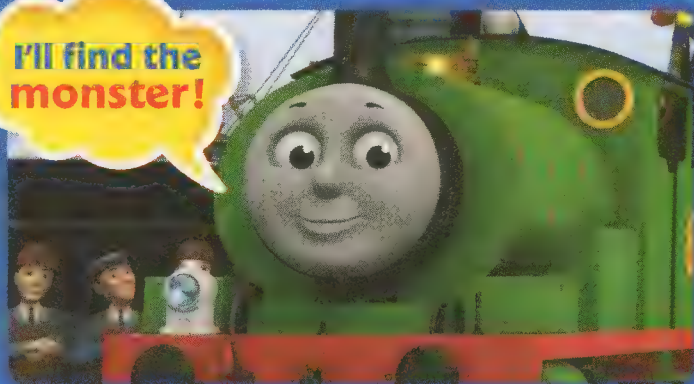
One morning, Percy was at Brendam Docks. "There's a fog rollin' in," croaked Salty. "I can feel it in my pistons. You'd better watch out for the Monster of Brendam!"

Percy's boiler bubbled with excitement. "What monster?" he asked. "Long ago," began Salty, "it was so foggy that the engines couldn't see beyond their buffers. Then, in the fog, one old engine saw a shape. It was tall like a tower. It turned and it twisted. It croaked and it creaked."

Percy's eyes were wide with wonder. "They say it was the Monster of Brendam," continued Salty. "It only comes out when the fog rolls in..." And with that Salty whirled off to the Dieselworks.



I'll find the monster!



"There's no such thing as the Monster of Brendam," cranked Cranky. "Salty's just being silly."

Percy puffed carefully along as the fog swept in. "Would you like to help me find the Monster of Brendam?" he asked Edward. "That sounds scary!" Edward replied.

"Fizzling fireboxes!" gasped Percy. "There it is!" Ahead of them, half hidden by the fog, was a shape. It was as tall as a tower. Edward pumped his pistons and whooshed towards the shape... and right into Rocky!

Rocky was so surprised, he dropped an oil drum on to Edward's coal sacks. Coal dust flew everywhere! "Sorry, Rocky," said Edward. "We thought you were the monster," explained Percy. He steamed off to get help.



# of Brendam

SOMETHING  
TO SHARE



There  
it is!

At the level crossing, Percy told Toby about the monster. Just then, Percy saw a shape in the fog. It was turning and twisting. "Bubbling boilers!" exclaimed Percy. "There it is!"

Toby rang his bell loud and long as he pulled away. Suddenly, some long poles fell onto the tracks. It was Butch! "We thought you were the Monster of Brendam," explained Percy, as he chuffed off to get help.

At the water tower, Percy told Henry about the monster. "It's over there," whispered Henry. "It's croaking and creaking." Then Henry raced away!

"Who's calling me a monster?" said the shape. Percy peered into the fog. With a croak and a creak, Diesel oiled towards him. "Out of my way, you silly Steamie!" he spluttered.

Percy whooshed all the way back to the Docks. "Oh no!" he gasped. "I was so busy looking for the monster, I forgot to help my friends!"

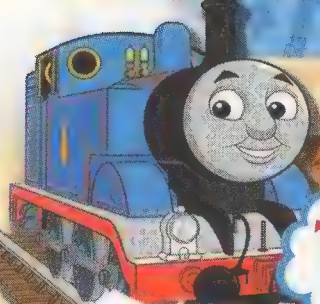
Percy chuffed back through the fog and found Edward and Toby. They all puffed into the Docks. Henry was whooshing and wheeshing with worry. "It's the monster!" he cried. There, in the fog, was a shape. It was tall like a tower. It twisted and turned. It croaked and it creaked. Then the monster spoke. "Where have you been, you silly Steamie?" it cranked. It was Cranky! "That's right," chuckled Salty. "Cranky is the Monster of Brendam!" Everyone laughed... except Cranky.

Very  
funny!



"Until next time!"





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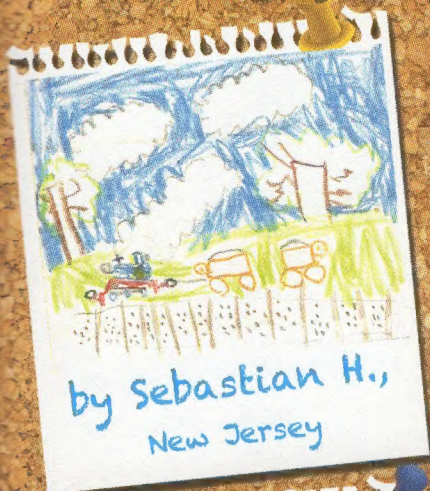
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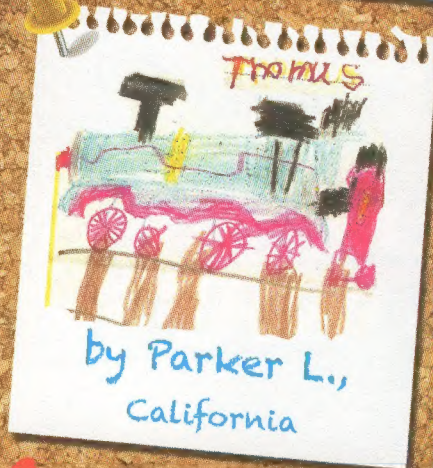
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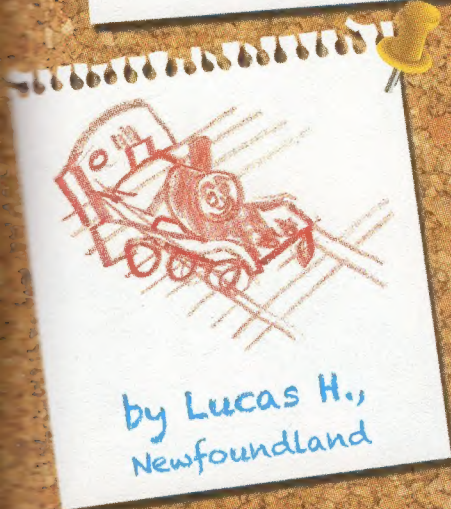
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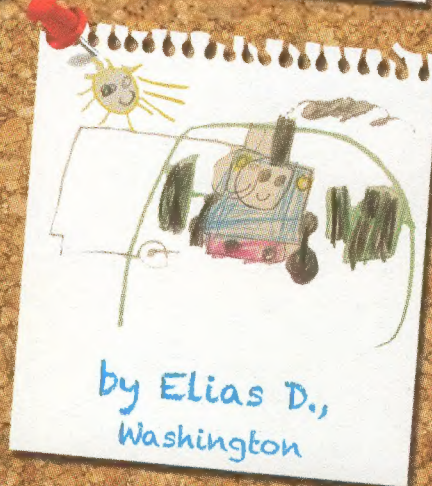
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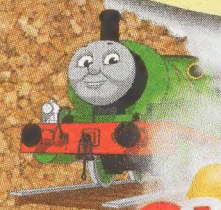
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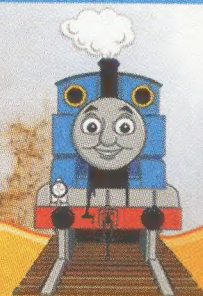
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Can you find Percy  
hiding on this page?

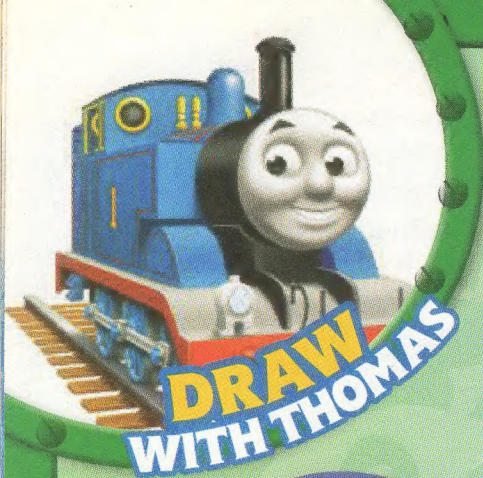
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# Funny pumpkin

Make a silly jack-o'-lantern for Thomas!

**Draw**  
2 eyes to  
finish the face.

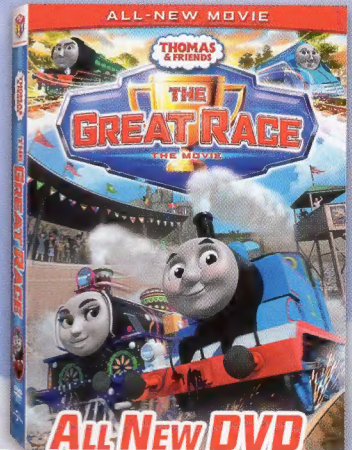
**Trace**  
around the  
pumpkin's  
outline and  
mouth.



**Color**  
the pumpkin  
bright  
orange.



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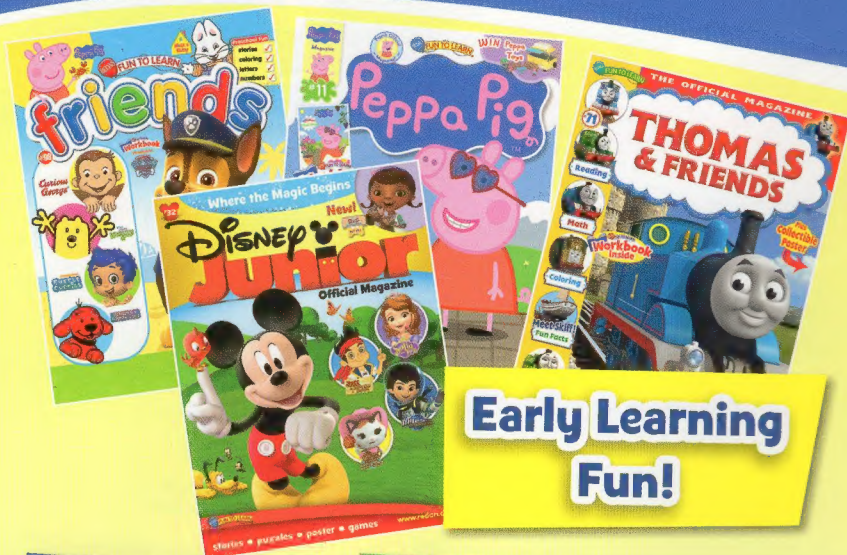


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